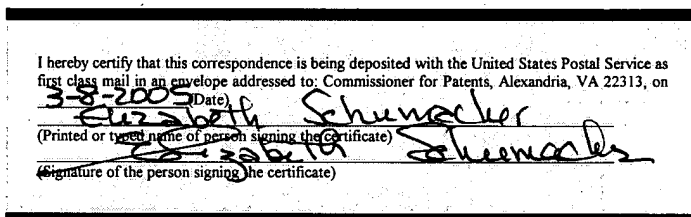


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE

The Applicant sent in a check which was filed on December 1, 2004 which has been received at the USPTO for \$1,630.00 for payment of the Issue Fee and Publication Fee. Due to the increase on October 1, 2004, the Issue fee amount was changed to \$1,370.00. We are enclosing a check for the balance due of \$40.00 and a copy of the notice in compliance of the Notice to Pay Balance of Issue Fee.

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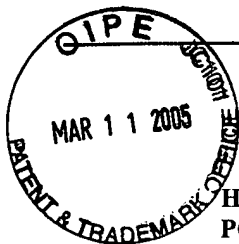
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Application Number: 10/001858**NOTICE TO PAY BALANCE OF ISSUE FEE**

The issue fee payment filed on 12/01/04 has been received. Although the fee specified in the Notice of Allowance was received, new patent fees went into effect on October 1, 2004, after the mailing date of the Notice. See the final rule, *Revision of Patent Fees for Fiscal Year 2005, Final Rule*, 69 Fed. Reg. 52604 (August 27, 2004). As stated in the final rule, "Any fee amount that is paid on or after the effective date of the fee adjustment will be subject to the new fees then in effect." The Notice of Allowance (Form PTOL-85) that was mailed prior to October 1, 2004, stated an issue fee amount that was in effect prior to October 1, 2004. However, in as much as the issue fee was paid on or after October 1, 2004, the new issue fee amount was due instead of the amount specified in the Notice of Allowance.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.317, applicant is given a time period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice during which to pay the **BALANCE DUE** indicated below. The balance due is the difference between the issue fee required on the date that the correct issue fee is paid and the amount that was previously paid. Applicants should check the current fee schedule posted on the USPTO internet web site at: <http://www.uspto.gov/main/howtofees.htm> before paying the balance due in order to ensure that the correct fee is paid. This three-month time period may **not** be extended. If the balance due is not paid before the expiration of the three-month period, the application will become abandoned (if not issued) or the patent will lapse (if issued) at the termination of the three-month period.

TYPE OF ISSUE FEE PAID	Column A ISSUE FEE IN EFFECT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2004	Column B ISSUE FEE PAID	BALANCE DUE ¹ [Col. A minus Col. B]
	large entity / small entity		
UTILITY	\$1,370.00 / \$685.00	\$ 1330.00	\$ 40.00
DESIGN	\$490.00 / \$245.00	\$	\$
PLANT	\$660.00 / \$330.00	\$	\$

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I hereby certify that this notice and the required additional fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

Printed Name: Elizabeth Schumacher Signature: Date: March 8, 2004

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